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1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS USEFUL TO ATTEMPT DETAILED
REFUTATION OF ALL NORTH KOREAN CHARGES REGARDING US BUILDUP
IN SOUTH KOREA. YOU MAY NOTE THAT LEVEL OF US FORCES IN
ROK HAS BEEN STABLE SINCE 1972, WHEN SOME FORCES WERE WITH-
DRAWN. ONLY RECENT DEPLOYMENTS WERE TEMPORARY PRECAUTION-
ARY ONES TAKEN AFTER AUGUST 18 PANMUNJOM INCIDENT, PURPOSE
OF WHICH WAS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT LARGER NORTH KOREAN MILI-
TARY MOVES, IF CONTEMPLATED, WOULD BE RESISTED, AND THAT
US WOULD MEET COMMITMENT TO SECURITY OF ROK.

2. YOUR MAIN POINT SHOULD BE THAT NORTH KOREAN CHARGE IN
ITS AUGUST 5 STATEMENT THAT US HAS "COMPLETED WAR PREPARA-
TIONS" IS PREPOSTEROUS, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT
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IT IS US AND ROK WHO HAVE PROPOSED RESUMPTION NORTH-SOUTH

DIALOGUE AND CONFERENCE OF US, ROK, NORTH KOREA AND PRC IN
ORDER FIND WAYS TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN KOREA.

3. REGARDING AUGUST 18 PANMUNJOM INCIDENT, YOU COULD
NOTE THAT KIM IL-SUNG MESSAGE TO UN COMMANDER CALLING
INCIDENT "REGRETFUL" IS AS CLOSE TO ADMISSION OF RE-
SPONSIBILITY AS NORTH KOREANS HAVE EVER MADE IN SUCH
SITUATIONS, AND THAT WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT NORTH KOREANS
HAVE BEEN WILLING TO WORK OUT NEW ARRANGEMENTS WHICH
SHOULD HELP MINIMIZE SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE PANMUNJOM
AREA IN THE FUTURE.
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